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SUBJECT: STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AT ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY

1. DURING MIDDAY MEETING ON 31 OCTOBER WITH DEAN AND DEPARTMENT HEADS OF ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF ARTS, BPAO BEMIS AND VISITING AMERICAN SPECIALIST WITNESSED FAIRLY LARGE STUDENT DEMONSTRATION. CAUSE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ATTEMPT BY "CONSERVATIVE MOSLEM STUDENTS" TO HOLD NOON PRAYERS IN FIRST-FLOOR CORRIDOR OF ARTS BUILDING.
2. OTHER STUDENTS, EVENTUALLY JOINED BY COMMERCE AND LAW STUDENTS, TRIED TO STOP PRAYER SESSION. FACULTY MEMBERS INTERVENED, URGING THOSE PRAYING TO USE NEARBY UNIVERSITY MOSQUE. MOSLEM STUDENTS ADJOURNED TO COURTYARD BETWEEN TWO WINGS OF ARTS BUILDING AND DEMONSTRATED IN ORDERLY FASHION, SPEECHES ALTERNATING WITH SNATCHES OF PRAYER.
3. NUMBERS INVOLVED WERE ABOUT 40 CONSERVATIVE MOSLEMS AND AT LEAST 300 STUDENTS SEEKING PUT STOP TO THEIR USE OF ARTS BUILDING FOR PRAYERS. FACULTY ATTEMPTED SHOW CALM FACE TO AMERICAN GUESTS, BUT WERE CLEARLY NERVOUS. PASSING CAMPUS AN HOUR LATER, ALL SEEMED CALM.

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4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH LIMITED IN NUMBERS, INCIDENT DOES INDICATE STRONG STUDENT ANTITUDE IN FAVOR OF SECULARIZATION OF CAMPUS, EVEN IN FACE OF WHAT SOMETIMES APPEARS GROWING RELIGIOUS CONVERSATISM (AND ITS TRANSLATION INTO POLITICAL ACTION) ON PART OF SOME EGYPTIAN YOUTH. CHASE

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